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SUBJECT: FAO COUNCIL: RECOMMENDATIONS ON WFC FOLLOW-UP

EB FOR PLACKE: IO FOR BYRNES PASS USDA/FAS FOR FRASER AND IOA

REF: ROME 16264

1. FOLLOWING ARE DELGATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US RESPONSE TO
OPERATIVE PRAS CL/64/LIM/4 (REFTEL). USDEL WOULD APPRECIATE
WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON THIS SUBJECT BY NOON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26,
ROME TIME.

2. PARAS 2 AND 3 - COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY: WE PROPOSE
SUPPORT ONE OR TWO AD HOC CONSULTATIONS, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT PRIMAR
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SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WILL BE BERMS OF REFERENCE AND INSTITUTIONAL
FRAMEWORK FOR STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BY WFC. WE PROPOSE
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POINT OUT THAT WE ANTICIPATE THAT COUNTRIES ADHERING TO UNDERTAKING

WILL WANT TO HAVE MAJOR SAY IN HOW UNDERTAKING IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED, AND THEREFORE THIS SUBJECT NOT APPROPRIATE FOR REVIEW BY AD HOC CONSULTATIVE GROUP. WE RECOMMEND AGREEING THAT MEMBERSHIP OF AD HOC CONSULTATIONS BE OPEN-ENDED, INCLUDING UN MEMBERS NOT MEMBERS OF FAO, ON UNDERSTANDING THIS LIMITED TO CONSULTATIVE GROUP, WITH DECISION STILL OPEN ON MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEE. ON RELATED SUBJECT OF UNDERTAKING, WE INTEND SUGGEST, IF APPROPRIATE, THAT COUNTRIES BE ENCOURAGED TO INDICATE THEIR ADHERENCE TO POLICIES AND PRINCIPLES BY MARCH 31, AND FURTHER THAT FIRST AD HOC CONSULTATION ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY NOT BE HELD UNTIL AFTER SCHEDULED EXPERTS GROUP REPORT IS COMPLETE AND MARCH 31 DEADLINE IS PAST.

3. PARA 4 - COMMITTEE ON FOOD AID POLICIES AND PROGRAMS: WE PROPOSE RECOMMEND THAT AT ITS NEXT MEETING IGC BE ASKED TO EXPLORE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS IMPLIED BY WFC RESOLUTION.

4. PARAS 5 AND 6 - WORLD FOOD COUNCIL: WE RECOMMEND GIVING DIRECTOR-GENERAL LATITUDE TO NEGOTIATE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, ON CONDITION HE NOT MAKE ANY FINAL COMMITMENTS WITHOUT APPROVAL OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

5. PARA 7 - INVESTMENT: WE PROPOSE TAKE POSITION THAT DIRECTOR-GENERAL NOT BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO PROCEED WITH INITIATIVES TO SERVICE FUND OR TO CO-SPONSOR CONSULTATIVE GROUP UNTIL FURTHER DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM UN OR OTHER BODIES.

6. PARA 8 - FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES: WE PROPOSE SUPPORT DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

7. PARA 9 - RESEARCH: WE PROPOSE ENCOURAGE DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO EXPLORE WITH OTHER AGENCIES INVOLVED HOW RESOLUTIONS ON RESEARCH MAY BE IMPLEMENTED AND TO CONSULT WITH PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES IF FURTHER FAO INPUT REQUIRED.

8. PARA 10 - GLOBAL INFORMATION AND EARLY WARNING SYSTEM: - WE PROPOSE SUPPORT DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

9. PARA 11 NUTRITION: WE PROPOSE SUPPORT DIRECTOR-GENERAL.

10. PARA 12 - OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS: WE PROPOSE SUPPORT DIRECTOR-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL PROVIDING IT CLDARLY UNDERSTOOD HE WILL NOT START IMPLEMENTATION OF ANY WFC FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES WITHOUT CONSULTING WITH PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES, CALLING SPECIAL SESSIONS AS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PERMIT RAPID ACTION.

11. PARA 13 - FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: WE PROPOSE TO AGREE TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S PROPOSAL FOR FINANCING FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES, PROVIDING HE SUBMITS REQUESTED COST ESTIMATES AND FUND AVAILABILITIES TO THIS COUNCIL, AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT AND FUNDING

FOR IT SEEMS REASONABLE.

12. GENERAL- WE PLAN TO OPPOSE CREATION OF NEW COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE RESTRUCTURING OF FAO COUNCIL AND FAO FIELD PROGRAMS. REGARDING A MECHANISM FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO USE TO KEEP GOVERNMENTS INFORMED, AND TO CONSULT WITH THEM ON WFC FOLLOW-UP, WE RECOMMEND THAT IN ADDITION TO CALLING SPECIAL SESSIONS OF PROGRAM AND FINANCE COMMITTEES AS NEEDED, DIRECTOR-GENERAL BE ASKED TO CONSULT WITH APPROPRIATE STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN ON IMPLEMENTATION OF FOLLOW-UP BEFORE MAKING ANY FIRM COMMITMENTS. IF THERE IS NOT ENOUGH SUPPORT FOR THIS APPROACH, WE PREFER SPECIAL SESSION OF COUNCIL TO AD HOC WORKING PARTY. VOLPE

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